

FIRST GRADE

Six Traits + 1 Rubric

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It's clear what this piece is about. 10 = Big Idea is clear; topic is narrow, fresh, and original. 9 = Big Idea is clear, but general-a simple story or explanation. 8 = Big Idea is stated in text. 7 = Big Idea is conveyed in a general way through text, labels, symbols.	Ideas				
The writing shows evidence of sustained thought and stays on topic. 10 = Details are accurate; relevant, high-quality, and support or enrich Big Idea. 9 = Details are telling, and sometimes specific to Big Idea. 8 = Details are relevant to topic and support Big Idea. 7 = Few details are present.	Ideas				
The writing shows creativity or personal engagement with the topic. 10 = Risk-taking reveals person behind words. 9 = Risk-taking uncovers individual perspective. 8 = Risk-taking reveals moments of sparkle. 7 = Risk-taking is limited to "safe" choices.	Voice				
One idea flows logically into the next. 10 = Sequencing is purposeful from start to finish; rhythm is fluid and pleasant to read aloud. 9 = Sequencing is sound; rhythm is more fluid than mechanical and is easy to read aloud. 8 = Sequencing is adequate; rhythm is more mechanical than fluid. 7 = Sequencing is confusing; rhythm is choppy and repetitive.	Organization Sentence Fluency				
There is varied and descriptive vocabulary. 10 = Precise, fresh, original words linger in reader's mind. 9 = New and different words are used with some success. 8 = New words are attempted but don't always fit. 7 = Environmental words are used correctly.	Word Choice				

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The writing incorporates taught skills. 10 = Capitals are consistently accurate for sentence beginnings, proper nouns, and titles; punctuation is usually correct and/or sometimes even creative. 9 = Capitals are more consistent and begin sentences and most proper nouns; end punctuation is correct and some other punctuation is also correct. 8 = Capitals are inconsistent and begin most sentences and some proper nouns. End punctuation is usually correct, but author experiments with other punctuation. 7 = Upper and lowercase letters are randomly used. Punctuation is random as well.	Conventions				
Writing corresponds to illustration. 10 = Pictures clarify, enrich, and enhance topic. 9 = Pictures add descriptive details to topic. 8 = Pictures support topic. 7 = Pictures connect to a few words.	Ideas Presentation				
Subtotals					
TOTAL [10 = A; 9 = B; 8 = C; 7 = D]					